

## **2004 Forest Products IOF Portfolio Peer Review**

In May 2004, DOE's Industrial Technologies Program (ITP) initiated a new, streamlined process for reviewing and evaluating the DOE projects in the Forest Products IOF R&D portfolio. This process involved a small group of industry experts as peer reviewers and consolidated the project review into one annual meeting, co-located at an industry technical conference. All R&D projects receiving, or expecting to receive, funding from the DOE under the Forest Products IOF were reviewed during this meeting. The Peer Review Team members were selected from a list of industry experts recommended by AF&PA and other stakeholders

The *2004 Forest Products Industry of the Future Portfolio Peer Review* was held May 3-6, 2004 in conjunction with Paper Summit 2004 and the TAPPI Spring Technical and International Environmental Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Peer Review was designed to:

- Expose a wide public audience to the ongoing research in the Forest Products Industry of the Future portfolio
- Increase opportunities for networking between the principal investigators and potential research or commercialization partners
- Generate detailed performance evaluations of each project to give the R&D teams constructive feedback on their projects and assist DOE in ongoing project management
- Provide a "big picture" perspective of the overall portfolio and generate feedback on the overall balance and performance of the portfolio to help guide future DOE solicitations.

The May 2004 Review process was structured to include both open and closed sessions. Each project's principal investigator presented a paper on research progress and results in an open session ([PDF 88 KB](#)) of the TAPPI Technical Conference. Industry stakeholders who attended these open sessions were invited to provide feedback on the projects to DOE. The Peer Review Teams met with each project team in closed sessions and prepared detailed performance evaluations for each project. These evaluations were inputted into ITP's Portfolio Management Tool and were reported to the individual project teams along with DOE comments and informal technical guidance.

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